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"CELL CONCENTRATION AND LYSATE  
CLEARANCE USING PARAMAGNETIC  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, Applicants request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a Terminal Disclaimer, Declaration of Rex Bitner, Supplemental IDS, a Petition for a (3) three-month extension of time extending the period for reply from November 11, 2004 to February 11, 2004, and by a check for the appropriate fee.

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